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MEMORANDUM TO: Elliot Maxwell

FROM:

SUBJECT: CIA Authorities

Elliot -
First results of your request are attached; more arriving by Friday.

As you know, these "efforts" have not been fully coordinated within the Agency and certainly do not represent any "position" on what this place thinks about current authorities.

I trust it all will be helpful to you. Good conversation the

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Attachment:
As stated

other day--well done, Sir!

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The attached material should be presented to the SSCI with the following caveats. These are merely tentative drafting exercises done at the request of the Committee. They have not been fully coordinated within the Agency. They do not reflect the Agency position and their preparation does not suggest that the Agency views its existing authorities as inadequate. We reserve the option to make further revisions in these drafts.

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This apparently is a joint effort between the first part and Schwartz the news release. Sam Hoskinson called me unofficially for my reaction just before he was to lunch with and discuss this. Hoskinson wanted to be sure that was coordinating these types of the sure types of the s was coordinating these types of things with us. I indicated I believe he is trying to do the best he can and much of it is in line with some of our discussions but that we didn't see it before hand. I pointed out that rather than making flat out assertions that the President supports legislation it might be better to say support charters and then the form legislation for executive order would still be available options but that I thought it clear paper that his was a position that the charters be general where necessary to preserve flexibility where needed. On page 6 I made the point that this was a dangerous commitment to provide full and frequent sharing with committees on both covert action and sensitive collection that this was an issue we now had pending with SSCI, that Turner and Knoche were getting guidance from the President on how to handle I also agreed with Sam that the paper ought to include a section on getting Congress House in order on oversight and that the best opportunity would be quid pro quo for legislation and we should not lose that opportunity next on Fritz Schwartz' press release. Sam was for knocking out the first paragraph. I told Sam I thought the word "states" on the first page is too strong suggesting detailed authority and restrictions on matters which best be handled by general language.

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